

Amendments to the Specification

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 1, line 2:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/FR03/50071, filed October 1, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on April 15, 2004 in French and which claims the benefit of French patent application No. 0212411, filed October 7, 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 5, page 2:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 25, page 3:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 10, page 4:

-- DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --